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1. WHEN CHARGE SAW FONOFF STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST ON AUGUST 29
ON ANOTHER SUBJECT BRINKHORST INQUIRED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY
NEW DEVELOPMENTS DURING AUGUST REGARDING EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN
SPOKANE 1974 EXPOSITION. CHARGE SUMMARIZED STATE OF PLAY WITH
GOF (PARIS 21585, STATE 167383) AND SAID WE WERE HOPING TO HAVE
AN ANSWER FROM THE FRENCH SOON.

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2. BRINKHORST REITERATED WHAT HE AND MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT VORRINK HAD TOLD THE EMBASSY AND COMMISSIONER HENDERSON A MONTH AGO, THAT A FAVORABLE FRENCH DECISION WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO OVERCOME NEGATIVE GON DECISION RE PARTICIPATION BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY SQUEEZE.

3. CHARGE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER VORRINK SEVERAL DAYS AGO BUT WAS TOLD THAT EARLIEST HE COULD SEE HER WAS SOMETIME DURING WEEK SEPTEMBER 10. IN LIGHT OF REF DEPTTEL CHARGE WILL ATTEMPT PERSUADE HER TO AGREE TO DUTCH PARTICIPATION REGARDLESS OF FRENCH DECISION. AS PRACTICAL MATTER HOWEVER FAVORABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SEVERAL EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS WILL BE NECESSARY TO PRIME THE PUMP AND THUS OVERCOME THE RESERVATIONS OF THIS VERY BUDGET CONSCIOUS DUTCH GOVERNMENT.
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